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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/09/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/02/02
BRO-FRY	160,232	160,211
LT HENS	1,563	1,848
HVY HENS	1,601	1,592

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	313	3	316
LAST WEEK	212	7	219
SAME WK YR AGO	305	0	305
TO DATE 2002	13,418	275	13,693
TO DATE 2001	18,487	279	18,766

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,010	1,541	3,551
LAST WEEK	2,054	1,537	3,591
SAME WK YR AGO	2,209	1,350	3,559
TO DATE 2002	90,776	62,566	153,342
TO DATE 2001	97,159	61,107	158,266

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	155,193 (A)	1,697	1,538	3,235
AVG WT	5.24	3.29	8.04	5.55
LAST WEEK	158,649	1,842	1,530	3,372
SAME WEEK YR AGO	155,524	1,904	1,350	3,254
AVG WT	5.26	3.38	7.93	5.27
TO-DATE/2002	6,843,963	77,358	62,291	139,649
TO-DATE/2001	6,785,773	78,672	60,828	139,500

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 0.9 million head more than or 101% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING October 26, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	24,024	25,971	42,856
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.92	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	28%	51%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	25,828	27,588	55,445
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.81	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	24%	25%	51%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	29,285	37,011	48,515
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.71	6.19
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	32%	42%
TO DATE/2002	1,101,914	956,092	1,770,290
TO DATE/2001	1,347,103	1,190,085	1,871,217

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,352	3,035	63	37	5,487
AVG WT	16.67	35.14	25.69	27.45	27.06
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,513	3,288	60	20	5,881
AVG WT	15.93	33.08	25.69	29.57	25.66
TO-DATE/2002	81,166	121,023	2,368	436	204,993
TO-DATE/2001	88,891	122,039	2,039	526	213,495

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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